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The Honorable James 4. Webb Director Bureau of the Budget Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Webb:

I have just seen the news dispatches about your coming appointment as Under Secretary of State, and I hasten to effer my most sincere and delighted congratulations on this appointment, The Central Intelligence Agency and I, personally, are going to miss exceedingly working with you on the Budget, but in exchange we shall look forward to even more frequent contact with you in your new post.

Of course, it goes without saying that if there is any way that either the erganization or I, personally, can be of service to you, we shall be delighted to do so.

Again with sincerest congratulations.

Most cordially.

Signed & dispatched by hand 1/7/49

R. H. Hillenkoetter Rear Admiral, USN Director of Central Intelligence

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Note for Record: Reply received, ER 0-3102, 2/1/49: "Thank you sincerely for your note of congratulations. Ishall do my best to continue to deserve your confidence and am going to count on your help and support, which I now need more than ever. With kindast regards, believe.me,"

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